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*The NHRA, Spring Break and Hoop It Up activities keep Jacksonville*

## ON THE FRONT LINE

*Story and photos by Allura Holsey*

The Army made its presence known at the National Hot Rod Association Gator Nationals Drag Race March 15-18, at the Gainesville Raceway in Florida. Revving up the heat for the Army was the Army dragster, "The Sarge" along with its driver, Tony Schumacher. Schumacher engaged the crowd with autographs and discussions about the dragster and the Army. During the week's course of events a special visit was made to F.W. Buchholz High School in Gainesville giving students and faculty a chance to see "The Sarge" close-up. Schumacher, along with two pit crew members, a mechanic from Fort Jackson, and Sgt. Samuel Bell, an Ocala recruiter, also a



Pit crew member helps Schumacher make adjustments in the dragster.



Tony Schumacher, world drag car champion and driver of "The Sarge", autographs racing memorabilia.

mechanic, joined forces to become an 'Army of One' discussing team work and the benefits of an Army enlistment. Topping of the visit Schumacher passed out flyers and signed autographs.

On Friday, March 16, the Youth Education Services (Y.E.S.) program was presented at the Gainesville Raceway in three rotating sessions, reaching an audience of students, parents and teachers. The Army dragster, "The Sarge", the car's engine and the HUMMER were available for viewing, and taking pictures.

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From the desk of...



Lt. Col. Jonathan D. Flowers  
Battalion Commander

## The Hammer

Hammer: *vb* - to build; to shape; to strike; to produce or bring about by repeated efforts. Hammer of the South: *vb* - to make Mission Box with Integrity.

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CSM Guillermo Ramos-Piazza  
Battalion Sergeant Major

### *Soldiers, civilians, and family members of the Hammer of the South,*

Congratulations to all of you for our recent, improved recruiting performance in RSM June!!! Hooah! Through your efforts, the battalion has turned the bend and is on its way back as the very top recruiting battalion in USAREC. Special recognition goes to the Gainesville "Gators" Company for achieving Mission Box for RSM June 2001 and the Valdosta "Outlaws" Company for achieving Company Team Box. Know and believe that your personal efforts are fueling the return of this battalion to the top.

Although the battalion has turned the corner on mission success, significant improvements in three areas (DEP Leadership, Quality Market Contact, and Floor Conversion) are required to seal the deal and guarantee not only what is clearly achievable but what is your destiny as recruiting professionals...to be number one, again!

I also want to stress the importance of quality of life for the members of the battalion. I ask that all members of this great organization take time out to plan and schedule leave for each quarter. Our continued goal is success both on and off duty and that involves allowing you the maximum time off whether earned by achieving mission box early in the RSM or taking your well earned and deserved leave every quarter. Continued on page 13

### *Members of the Hammer of the South Recruiting family,*

My wife, Iris, and I want to thank all of you for allowing us to be part of your recruiting family. We want to share with you that after 25 years in recruiting there is no recruiting place like Jacksonville Battalion.

Battalion Mission Box is the standard for all the recruiting stations and companies and we are going to achieve this while taking care of our families as well as each other. We will take care of the little things and the mission will be accomplished.

The great Jacksonville Battalion has been number one in USAREC many times in the past and I want to remind you that we are going to be number one again.

While I intend to personally get to know all of you, I will save you some time...I am a straightforward, pedal-to-the-metal kind of CSM, but I am approachable and I will take care of you. As NCOs you need to do what is right at all times even if no one is watching and be self-motivated and committed to achieving the Army's Mission.

I will lead you from the front to Mission Box Hill.

*Guillermo J. Ramos-Piazza*

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## Quarterly Awards



Top RA Recruiter (Volume) first and second quarter, Staff Sgt. Edward Barker, accepts the award trophy from Col. Stover James. The Top USAR Recruiter for first quarter was Sgt. Roger Sanderson. Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Lewis, received second quarter's Top USAR award.



(L-rear) Maj. Daniel Morris, is joined by the Gainesville station commanders as they show off the trophy for Top Company, first quarter. The company took the same honors for second quarter.



First Quarter - Top Station (GSCA) tied between Chiefland, OPSC, and Albany, LPSC. Staff Sgt. Sambina Love, station commander, accepted Chiefland's trophy.



Second Quarter - Top Station LPSC, Lake City, commanded by (standing, 2nd from right) Staff Sgt. Derrick Booker.



Second Quarter - Top Station OPSC, Palatka, commanded by (2nd from left) Sgt. 1st Class Louie Gill. Palatka also distinguished itself during first quarter by being the 'First to Box' under Team Concept.



Staff Sgt. Robert Stocking represents Albany, who tied with Chiefland for first quarter's Top Station (GSCA) award.

## Medallions and Rings



Staff Sgt. Stephen Archie, Ocala, receives the Recruiter Ring.



Sgt. 1st Class Howard Salter, Albany, is one of two recruiters who received the Glen E. Morrell Medallion during the first quarter. The other recipient was Sgt. 1st Class Donald Moon, Hinesville.



Staff Sgt. Roberto Cornerio, Tallahassee South, receives the Recruiter Ring.



*More awards, promotions and special recognition*



First Quarter - Staff Sgt. Terry Yates, Jacksonville North, receives the Recruiter Ring from Col. James.



First Quarter - Staff Sgt. Waylon Long is joined by his wife, Tonya, as he receives the Recruiter Ring during a ceremony at the Jacksonville Airport Ramada.



First Quarter - Before his promotion to captain on March 20, 1st Lt. Ray Buckner received an Army Commendation Medal, presented by Lt. Col. Flowers.



Sergeant First Class Gregory Davis slides on second rocker at the first quarter awards. Assisting were (L) Gainesville Company 1st Sgt. Joseph Barrett and Staff Sgt. George Isaac, Gainesville station commander.



Soon after his arrival from Italy in April, Clay DuBose, assigned to Lake City, was promoted to Staff Sergeant at the second quarter awards. Applying the epaulets are wife, Kelly, and 1st Sgt. Joseph Barrett.



Louie Gill, Palatka station commander, receives Sergeant First Class rank during the first quarter awards. Presenting are Lt. Col. Flowers and second brigade CSM Guillermo Ramos-Piazza, before he assumed collateral duties as Jacksonville's command sergeant major on April 7.

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Presentations were made by an NHRA official and Tony Schumacher. The focus was “Stay in School” and “Stay off Drugs.” The mechanic from Fort Jackson and Sgt. Bell talked about their experiences in the Army as well as their mechanic experiences. Staff Sgt. Sambina Love, Station Commander, Chiefland, and Staff Sgt. Waylon Long, Lake City, helped



Schumacher speaks with parents after Y.E.S. presentation.

round out the discussions about Army opportunities. After the presentations, students received Army presentation items. Tickets were also given to students, parents and teachers to enjoy the day at the races or at the Interactive Area, which included the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit’s Army Shooting Adventure Package, the Rock Climbing Wall and the Army’s Show Car. On Saturday, March 17, a DEP function was conducted at the Army’s Hospitality area located in the NHRA Pits. Guest speakers were an NHRA official, Tony Schumacher and Sgt. 1st Class Demetrius Busby, former Drill Sergeant, from the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Gainesville.



Student gives a thumbs-up after coming out of Y.E.S. meeting.



Sgt. 1st Class Busby invites two interested parties to an Army challenge.



Sgt. 1st Class Busby won the bet.



Simulated race car driving was one of the many attractions in the Army Interactive area.



Curious racing fans take their aim at the Army Marksmanship Unit’s targets.



The Army Interactive area at the Gainesville Raceway during the NHRA trials.



“Army of One” on stage at Daytona’s

## BLACK COLLEGE REUNION

**D**aytona Beach had barely recovered from the exhaust of Bike Week when the Black College Reunion returned for Spring Break March 29 - April 1. Joining the venue for the first time was the U.S. Army. Infused with a marketing strategy from Images USA, the Atlanta based advertising agency responsible for African-American marketing under the Leo Burnett/Starcom advertising umbrella, and WJHM-FM radio of Daytona, the Army captured the attention of an interested and eligible market.

“This was a good event for us to be a part of and a good time for us to be here. Many of the people who came to our booth were unaware of our presence in the area and the type of jobs the Army had to offer,” said Staff Sgt. John Ford, Daytona Beach station.



Images USA’s creativity in attracting the target market was validated with the generation of over 1,600 leads over a three day period, according to Robert McNeil, Images USA president. Helping to generate

these leads was an entourage of young ladies in Army T-shirts and camouflage dress who canvassed the crowds exchanging photo opportunities for signed lead cards.

The Army was complimented by many visitors on their professionalism and appearance, according to Staff Sgt. Ford, as they passed out the giveaways offered by the radio station. Sandwiched between the Black Entertainment Television performance stage and WJHM-FM the Army team enjoyed high profile visibility while promoting Army opportunities.



(C) Sam, WJHM radio personality, talks with an Images representative and (R) Robert McNeil, president, Images, USA, as they prepare for the crowds that inundated Daytona Beach during the Black College Reunion. Photos by Ted Jones.



(L) Staff Sgt. John Ford and Staff Sgt. Reginald Smith, Rockledge, pass out WJHM give aways.



Armed with cameras and pens the Images USA team gathers leads from every segment of the Black College Reunion crowd.

## Jacksonville Company Hoops It Up at Jacksonville's Alltel Stadium



On HRAP duty, Pvt. 2nd Class Max Perez, assists in signing up a Slam Dunk contestant. (R) Pvt. 2nd Class Abraham Burkes, HRAP soldier, also helped with recruiting both days of the event.

*Story and photos by Cynthia Womack*

Heating up the pavement at Alltel Stadium two teams from the Jacksonville Company, the Bulldogs and the Bricklayers, made their presence known at streetball's nationwide annual tournament, Hoop It Up, held in Jacksonville March 24-25. Teams from across the state and country displayed their B-ball talents fiercely competing on over 70 courts for various team and individual prizes. One of the main competitions showcasing individual skill and talent was the Slam Dunk contest sponsored by the U.S. Army. The winners received a one-of-a-kind Hoop It Up T-Shirt and also qualified for the grand prize, a state-of-the-art stereo system. In addition to the Slam Dunk contest, the Rock Climbing Wall attracted a steady stream of confident challengers. Unfortunately, the second day of competition was rained out in the afternoon cancelling the stereo give away.



Capt. James Momon (center) pushes to the top of the Rock Climbing Wall.

The Army tent was a main attraction with the Slam Dunk contest and Rock Climbing Wall.



Two Slam Dunk contestants battle in the final round of the first day's competition.



Army prospects volunteer to judge the Slam Dunk contest along with PV2 Perez.



The backbone of Jacksonville's Bricklayers: (L) Staff Sgt. Charles Parker, Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Arrance and Staff Sgt. Donta Harrell.



Sgt. 1st Class Elton Cook, Jacksonville South station commander, racks up points for the Bulldogs.

## **Army gets new Web site for its birthday**

Army News Service

The Army will post a new web site at [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil) when it celebrates its 226<sup>th</sup> birthday, June 14, said Maj. Chris Conway of the Army Chief of Staff's Office.

"The revised Army Homepage will include improved navigation features that will speed viewers to needed information and an enhanced graphics capability that will captivate users with animation as they retrieve information, Conway said. The site will also be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and it will possess a feedback function so users can continue to have an impact on the design of The Army Web site.

This new Army Web site, like earlier versions will continue to provide a variety of services, Conway said, to include: keeping members of the Army community around the world informed of the latest news, benefits, and opportunities; inspiring young people to join and to continue their service in The Army; and informing and educating the American public on the role and importance of the Army and the Army's continued service to the nation.

"The Army of the new millennium deserves to have a new official website," Conway said.

Other Army websites include Army Knowledge Online, at [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil), and an Army Recruiting site at [www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com). Army Knowledge Online is an Intranet site available to all Army (Active, National Guard and Reserve, DA civilians and retirees), which features the latest army news, knowledge centers, a lifetime e-mail account, a powerful search engine, and a chat room.

## **New G.I. Bill benefits available**

by Master Sgt. Jon Connor  
Army News Service

Participants in the Montgomery G.I. Bill program will be given the option starting May 1 to increase their monthly stipend up to \$800.

Educational benefits legislation enacted into law in November contained a program that will allow MGIB participants the opportunity to make new contributions maximizing the total for soldiers serving on active duty three or more years to \$28,800, an increase of \$5,400.

This amount, combined with annual cost-of-living increases, will definitely help offset education costs for service members, said Lt. Col. George Richon, chief of Recruiting Resources Branch, Enlisted Accessions Division under the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. The payment will be matched by a 9-to-1 return on investment if the complete 36 months of benefit is used, Richon said.

The minimum contribution is \$20, and can be made monthly carried over whatever amount of months enrollees decide, up to a maximum total \$600 contribution toward the existing MGIB benefits. All contributions are nonrefundable, Richon said.

Army education centers will supply the DD Form 2366 and payment documents to begin the additional contributions. Actual payment arrangements will be made at the local installation's finance office.

Only those personnel who entered active duty on or after July 1, 1985, and enrolled in the MGIB program during the first two weeks of active duty are eligible to participate. Those "hundreds of thousands" of eligible individuals hoping to participate in the optional benefits program must contribute the additional funds only while serving on active duty, Richon said.

Since the MGIB program began July 1985,

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## Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

The United States is a nation comprised almost entirely of immigrants and their descendants. The interaction of different cultures, each of which has become a vital part of a culture uniquely American, constantly revitalizes our national spirit and heritage. The United States owes a debt of gratitude to Asian Pacific Americans for their contributions.

In 1978, Representatives Norman Mineta and Frank Horton, along with Senators Spark Matsunaga and Daniel Inouye, introduced resolutions stating that “the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the seven day period beginning on May 4, 1979, as ‘Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week.’” It is now almost 20 years since the original proclamation was signed, and Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week has been celebrated every year. Asian Pacific American Heritage Week fosters an increased national awareness of the history and contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans and inspires a renewed sense of pride among Americans of Asian and Pacific ancestry.

May was chosen because several significant events in Asian and Pacific American history occurred during this month. For example, on May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrants arrived in America. On May 10, 1869, the Golden Spike, signifying the contributions of Chinese Americans in building this country’s transcontinental railroad, was driven.

### FEDERAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN COUNCIL



An organization that promotes equal opportunity and cultural diversity for Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) within the Federal and District of Columbia governments. Our web site and e-mail are used to keep members informed of the latest news, activities, and special events within the APA community. FAPAC assists the Federal and District of Columbia governments in promoting and establishing an effective and equitable participation of APAs in the work force. FAPAC works to promote overall awareness of the impact of APA cultures, contributions, work ethics, and behavior as related to government employment. <http://www.fapac.org/fapac1/>

(L) Mr. Mark Lee designed the poster for 2001 Asian Pacific American Month. The dragon signifies good luck and prosperity. The dragon with the red, white and blue, from the top down in the background depicts the Asian dragon and the colors of America, which signifies the combining of the two cultures in the United States. Courtesy of Rod Enterprises.



#### Lunar Calendar

February 19, 1996, is New Year’s Day under the lunar calendar developed by the Chinese 4,633 years ago. Because the calendar is based on the lunar cycle, every full moon will be the middle or the 15th of a lunar month, which is either 29 or 30 days long. Each year is named for an animal, and this is the Year of the Ox. Every 12 years this cycle begins again. The lunar calendar is used by many other Asian countries.

Ox: Dependable, calm, good listeners, and have very strong ideas: 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009.

# GOLDEN KNIGHTS

blaze through

Vidalia skies



*story and photos by Cynthia Womack*

Was that the aroma of onion rings or the exhaust of a C-130 in the Vidalia air? Only a Golden Knight would know for sure. Tantalizing the crowds with precision jumps, the Army's premier parachute team kept heads turned toward clear blue skies at the Vidalia Onion Festival, April 28-29. Making jumps, folding parachutes, and signing posters kept the Golden Knights busy after each morning and afternoon demonstration Saturday and Sunday. Their famous two and three-man descents to the earth added plumes of red to the Georgia sky. Following the skydiving weekend, several members of the Knight's Black Team joined recruiters on Monday, April 30, to make classroom presentations at local high schools.





# Golden Knights unfold talents at Georgia schools

*story and photos by Cynthia Womack*

Following four successful air demonstrations over the weekend of the Vidalia Air Show the Golden Knights spread their chutes the following Monday to visit local Georgia schools. Divided into three-man teams, nine members of the GKs Black Team visited Vidalia, Swainsboro, and Emanuel County Institute high schools, accompanied by a recruiter. Each team engaged students in discussions about their Army MOS as well as the demands and satisfaction that comes from being a member of the Golden Knights.

While at Emanuel County Institute the three man team of Staff Sgt. Paul Sachs, Staff Sgt. Russell Gray and Sgt. 1st Class Galen Barker, educated the school's ROTC unit and another class with a video on the history of the elite parachute team. As an added attraction, the team solicited ROTC volunteer LTC Cadet LaToya Nealey to model a parachute uniform along with all the airborne attachments.



Three members of the Golden Knights talk with students in Ms. Johnson's Applied Communications class at Swainsboro High School.



Accompanying the Golden Knights at Swainsboro High School was Staff Sgt. Melvin Zeigler emphasizing the benefits of the Army's enlistment programs.



(R) LTC Cadet LaToya Green is ready to jump, accompanied by Staff Sgt. Sachs.



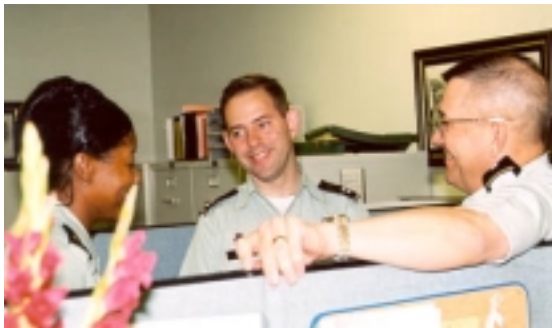
Cadet Green has straps pulled and belts fastened properly by Sgt. 1st Class Barker.

## MG Cavin and BG Gaylord visit Jacksonville

Getting a first hand look at field operations in the Jacksonville Battalion during the month of April were Brig. Gen. Robert Gaylord, Deputy Commanding General (East) and commanding general of USAREC, Maj. Gen. Dennis D. Cavin. Both toured several stations, speaking with recruiters and battalion staff. During his visit to battalion headquarters MG Cavin recognized the success of several recruiters, as well as the support given by their spouse when he presented USAREC's top recruiting awards, the SMA Glen E. Morrell Award and the Recruiter Ring.



Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Arrance demonstrates accessing ARISS to MG Cavin at Jacksonville South.



MG Cavin chats with Capt. Franklin Byrd, battalion adjutant and Personnel NCOIC, Sgt. Alicia Milton at battalion headquarters.



BG Gaylord meets with Lake City recruiting team.

### *MG Cavin presents prestigious recruiter awards*



Staff Sgt. Anthony Story (Tifton), on recruiting duty for 26 months, earned the Morrell Award in 20 months.



Elora Story, wife of Staf Sgt. Story, accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from MG Cavin for her dedication and support as an Army recruiter's wife.



Staff Sgt. Gary Sebastian (Jacksonville West), Reserve Recruiter and Desert Shield/Desert Storm veteran, has been a member of Jacksonville Battalion since 1997, was joined by his wife, Anja, for the Recruiter Ring ceremony at battalion headquarters.

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The Hammer of the South also has some new arrivals taking over key leadership positions. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Captain Carter, new commander for Valdosta Company; First Sergeant Rosier, inbound First Sergeant for Valdosta; Master Sergeant Minnigan, new Operations NCOIC; First Sergeant Cancel, inbound First Sergeant for Savannah Company; and First Sergeant Ramos, inbound First Sergeant for Daytona Company. Other important recent arrivals include Staff Sergeant Gutierrez, Daytona; Sergeant Ayala and Corporal Nejad, Ocala; Sergeant Ramos-Hernandez, Jacksonville South; Sergeant Reed and Staff Sergeant Dust, Statesboro.

Also, congratulations are due to the following soldiers who are moving to take new and more demanding leadership roles for the battalion: Master Sergeant Hermening, First Sergeant Jacksonville Company; SFC Alston, station commander, Rockledge; SFC Cook, guidance counselor; SFC Gill, station commander, Jacksonville South; SFC Griffin, station commander, Melbourne; SFC Moon, station commander, Ocala; SFC Vereen, station commander, Jacksonville West; SFC Favor, station commander, Brunswick; SFC Tompkins, station commander, Waycross; SSG Abrams, station commander, Hinesville; SSG Alvarez, station commander, Tallahassee Mall; SSG Osborne, station commander, Orange Park; SSG Stocking, station commander, Tifton, and SFC Thomas, station commander, Jacksonville North.

Soldiers who have superbly served the Hammer of the South and are now departing include: Captain Dillonaire, departing for Fort Huachuca; Command Sergeant Major Templeton, departed for New Orleans Battalion; First Sergeant Ortolaza, departing for Miami Battalion; Master Sergeant Melcher, departing for USAREC; Master Sergeant McGriff, retiring; Sergeant First Class Moore, retiring; Sergeant First Class Vazquez, retiring; and Sergeant First Class Beeman, departing for USAREC Recruiting Support Battalion.

I want to recognize all of the soldiers, civilians and their family members who make up the recruiting force and staff of this great organization. Your hard work, dedication and support is essential to our continued success and the vital mission we have of "providing the strength" to our great Army and this great nation.

Thank you all.

*Jonathan D. Flowers*

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Sgt. 1st Class Paul Thornton (Jacksonville West), Jacksonville, FL, native and 17-year Army veteran who has been with the Jacksonville Battalion since 1997, receives the Recruiter Ring from MG Cavin.



Receiving the Recruiter Ring is Florida native Sgt. 1st Class Michael Kelly (Tallahassee South). The 17-year career soldier has been a member of the Jacksonville Battalion since Sept. 1998.



Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Colon (DeLand), pinned on his Gold Recruiter Badge after two years as a recruiter. Colon has been with the Jacksonville recruiting team since June 1999.

## **G.I. Bill**

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89.7 percent of the soldiers it is offered to have enrolled in it, Richon said. For 2001, the figure is at 95 percent, he added.

Those soldiers who were on active duty Nov. 1, 2000 but will separate prior to May 1, 2001, have until July 31 to contribute through their servicing VA office. Army education centers will inform eligible members separating prior to May 1 of the option program.

Eligible soldiers separating are encouraged to contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-GIBILL1 or [www.gibill.va.gov/education/benefits/htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/benefits/htm) for payment procedures.

## **Thrift Savings opening to military October 9, 2001**

by Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

Service members can begin to sign up for the Thrift Savings Plan beginning Oct. 9, 2001, DoD officials said.

The Thrift Savings Plan is a retirement and investment plan that has been available to civilian government workers since 1987. Congress extended the plan to include service members in 2000.

"It's in addition to your regular retirement," said Army Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, a tax expert with DoD's Office of Military Compensation. It's an optional program."

The open season for signing up will run from Oct. 9 to Dec. 8. Deductions start in January 2002. In 2002, service members can contribute up to 7 percent of their basic pay. The maximum amount service members can contribute from basic pay

will change. The current limit of 7 percent of basic pay will rise to 10 percent by 2005 and become unlimited in 2006.

Unlike civilians, who cannot make lump-sum payments into the program, service members may also contribute all or a percentage of any special pay, incentive pay, or bonus pay they receive.

You can contribute from 1 percent to 100 percent of your special pays, incentives and bonuses into the thrift plan," Emswiler said.

The total amount generally cannot exceed \$10,500 for the year. Contributions from pay earned in a combat zone do not count against the \$10,500 ceiling. Combat zone contributions are subject to a different limitation, however, 25 percent of pay or \$35,000, whichever is less.

Like civilian employees in the program, service members must choose how they want their money invested. Right now, there are three funds to choose from. The funds run the gamut of safe--the G Fund invests in special government bonds--to riskier investments--the C Fund tied to the stock market. There is also an F Fund for investing in commercial bonds.

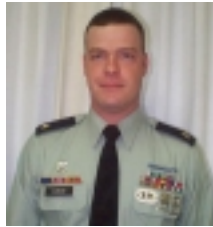
TSP will unveil the new S and I funds in May. S Fund investments go to a stock index fund that paces small businesses. I Fund investors will track international companies the same way.

## **U.S. Savings Bonds**

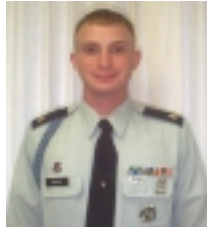
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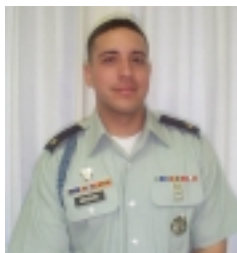
*SSG Roger DuBose  
Lake City*



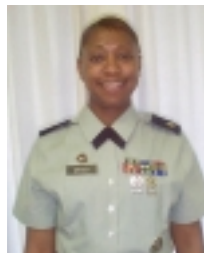
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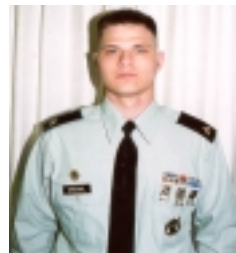
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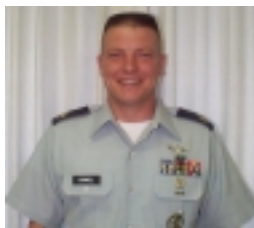
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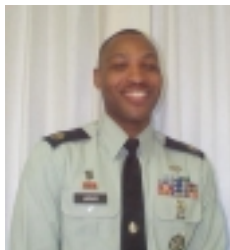
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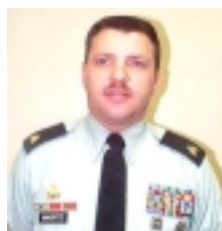
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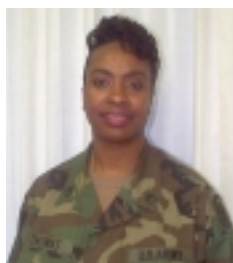
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Jacksonville North*



*SSG William Covington  
Thomasville*



*SGT Lanretta L. Covington  
Albany*



*SSG Jeanette M. Thomas  
Legal NCO, Bn Hdqts*



*Capt. Sheila V. DeShazor  
Education Support Specialist*



*Capt. Mark J. Bacon  
Gainesville Company*

## Farewell

CSM Maria Martinez received an unexpected farewell April 6, at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station NCO Club before reporting to her new duty station at Baltimore Battalion. CSM Martinez was presented with an MSM from Lt. Col. Flowers for her dedication to making mission and improving the quality of life for soldiers.

